## Good For You...

## benefits of breastfeeding

- can speed weight loss
- shrinks the uterus back to normal size
- baby cries less
- breastmilk is free —
  no formula or bottles
  to buy
- sleep easier at night...
  take baby to bed for
  feedings
- releases prolactin—
  a calming, "mothering"
  hormone
- breastmilk travels with you and is always ready when you are

- breastmilk is all your baby needs to eat or drink for about the first 6months of life
- reduces baby's risk of becoming overweight
- breastmilk causes less tummy trouble
  - \* reduces chance for ear infections
  - breastmilk protects baby against allergies
    - immunizes baby against disease
  - protects against respiratory infections

may reduce risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Good for baby, too... Teens who want more information about breastfeeding can call their Local WIC breastfeeding counselor:

WIC Breastfeeding Resources: Baby Your Baby 1-800-826-9662 Pregnancy RiskLine 1-800-822-BABY (2229) 1-801-328-BABY (2229)

1-800-La Leche



(525-3243)

1-801-264-LOVE



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